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Subject: Microsoft use of Federal Facilities for Advertising

I am disturbed to find that Microsoft has been allowed to advertise in a Federal Facility. Today I was at the Main Post Office in Seattle and found that Microsoft has paid for placement in local Postal Facilities. This appalls me. I understood that the case Department of Justice had prosecuted ended up in a Conviction on the Charges. The appearance of the posters, CDs and other items promoting Microsoft, seems to imply that the Federal Government condones the actions, historical and future that this criminal endeavour undertakes. Maybe I am mistaken in my understanding, but the left hand either does not know what the right does, or there is a new policy of selling access to government facilities to the highest bidder.

This sets a precedent that leads down a slippery slope in allowing anybody with a wad of cash to buy a their way into government facilities. If this is going to be policy, what is to restrict any enterprise from dispensing items of a questionable nature other buildings where the public has access? The assault on postal facilities with bacterial agents, though tragic, is not as insidious as allowing this activity to continue.

I have reviewed the contents of the "free" disk and have found that this item perpetuates the continued anticompetative activities the company was investigated for. This item forces the user to "upgrade" software on their computer, to the Proprietary microsoft item, instead of allowing the interested party to view this with a competitors browser or multimedia program. It also promotes gambling with a "Contest" for prizes, which forces the user to "register" with the microsoft Passport software, to allow the company to monitor the users online activities, and track actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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